



## Frankly Speaking...

### Rep. Frankel Statement on Russian Aggression Against Ukraine, President Biden's Response

**West Palm Beach, FL** – Congresswoman Lois Frankel (FL-21) released the following statement in response to Russia's aggression against Ukraine and President Biden's announcement that the United States would join the European Union and the United Kingdom in establishing new financial sanctions on Russia.

"Vladimir Putin's hostility in Ukraine is not only a threat to the sovereignty and security of the Ukrainian people, but to all those who want to live in a world where free and democratic nations are not threatened by foreign aggression," **said Rep. Frankel**. "In 1994, Ukraine voluntarily gave up the world's third largest arsenal of nuclear weapons in exchange for security guarantees from the U.S., UK, and Russia. Putin trampled on that agreement in 2014 when he annexed Crimea and provoked a separatist war in Eastern Ukraine, and is now being even more brazen with his latest incursion. The Biden Administration is right to work in lockstep with our NATO allies to levy targeted financial sanctions against Russia and to insist that more consequences will follow if Putin does not deescalate his military aggression."

### Rep. Frankel Announces \$2 Billion in Available Funding for Transportation Programs for Older and Disabled Adults through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



**West Palm Beach, FL** – Representative Lois Frankel (FL-21) hosted a press conference highlighting how \$2 billion in new nation-wide grant funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law can help older and disabled adults get around Palm Beach County. Rep. Frankel and her guests—

Dwight Chenette, CEO of the Area Agency on Aging, and Chad Hockman, Director of Operations of Palm Tran—discussed the need for this additional funding, and how it will impact residents. Watch the full video [here](#).

## Rep. Frankel Virtual Event in Honor of Black History Month

West Palm Beach, FL – Congresswoman Lois Frankel (FL-21) hosted a virtual roundtable in honor of Black History Month. The event featured local Black leaders to discuss the importance of Black History Month, why teaching Black History is critical for setting students up for success, and the history of the fight for racial equity here in Palm Beach County. Watch the roundtable [here](#).



Rep. Frankel was joined by:

- Edith Bush, Former Executive Director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Coordinating Committee
- Charlene Farrington, Executive Director of the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum
- Geanine Wester, Founder of EmpowHER of the Palm Beaches
- Robera Walker-Thompson, 2022 Palm Beach School District Principal of the Year, Belle Glade Elementary

## Rep. Frankel Announces Nearly \$2 Million for Palm Beach County Food, Rental Assistance Programs



West Palm Beach, FL –Representative Lois Frankel (FL-21) hosted an in-person press conference to announce nearly \$2 million in new funding that Palm Beach County will be receiving from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for food, shelter, rent, mortgage, and utility assistance programs.

Rep. Frankel was joined by leaders from the United Way of Palm Beach County and Palm Beach County Community Services.

This critical funding provided by the *American Rescue Plan* will help the county supplement social services programs that feed, shelter, and provide other services

to vulnerable populations in the community. As rent continues to rise and affordable housing becomes even more limited, this assistance is a critical opportunity to help keep families in their homes in the coming months. The United Way is tasked with administering this funding to the organizations in the county that do this important work. Watch the conference [here](#).

## Congresswoman Lois Frankel Joins Delray Beach Mayor Shelly Petrolia for a Tour of City's Water Treatment Plant and Press Conference

Representative Lois Frankel joined Mayor Shelly Petrolia for a tour of the City's Water Treatment Plant on Tuesday, February 8.

"Access to clean, safe, and affordable water is imperative to our health and our economy," said Rep. Frankel. "The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is a historic investment in our country's infrastructure with billions of dollars dedicated to improving water systems."

The City's new water treatment plant, estimated to be completed in 2026, will ensure a state-of-the-art water treatment process, advance the City's monitoring and control systems, improve water pressure, and serve the needs of the community for years to come.

"The City of Delray Beach has been awarded \$10,956,323 from the federal government's American Rescue Plan Act and those funds will help ensure our city has the ability to improve the quality, safety, and reliability of our infrastructure systems to increase our sustainability for years to come," said Mayor Shelly Petrolia. Watch the conference [here](#).



## Local Governments Now Eligible for New Flood Prevention Funding Through Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act



**West Palm Beach, FL** – Representative Lois Frankel (FL-21) hosted an in-person press conference to announce new funding opportunities through the *Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act* to bolster flooding and disaster mitigation efforts in Palm Beach County.

**Rep. Frankel was joined by:**

- Mayor Keith James, West Palm Beach
- Jake Leech, Ph.D., Palm Beach County Office of Resilience
- Jeremy McBryan, Palm Beach County Water Resources Manager

Flooding, including King Tides, can cause damage to roads and buildings, and hurt local businesses by keeping customers away while the streets and sidewalks are unusable. States and local governments will be able to apply through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant programs to build new, more resilient infrastructure that can help reduce the risk of flood damage and bring costs down. Some eligible projects include refurbishing sea walls, hurricane retrofitting, sand dune restoration, and more. Watch the conference [here](#).





Rep. Frankel attends the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new FoundCare location named after retiring CEO, Yolette Bonnet.

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## **Follow Rep. Frankel on Twitter**

A screenshot of a tweet from Rep. Lois Frankel (@RepLoisFrankel) on a dark background. The tweet text is white and blue. Below the text is a photo of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson smiling and waving. At the bottom of the tweet is a link to nbcnews.com and a short article snippet.

Rep. Lois Frankel   
@RepLoisFrankel

Some good news to start our day: @POTUS has officially announced the exceptionally brilliant Ketanji Brown Jackson as his nominee to #SCOTUS.

This is a historic day for women, for #BIPOC representation, and for our Judiciary!



[nbcnews.com](http://nbcnews.com)  
**Biden to nominate Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to Supreme Court**  
Jackson, a federal appeals court judge in Washington, would be the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court.